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### News Briefs

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Cols. Sid Banks, 52nd Mission Support Group and Jay Neubauer, 52nd Medical Group, for their selection at the Command Selection Board. Colonel Banks was selected to be a material leader wing commander, and Colonel Neubauer was selected to be a medical center commander. Way to go Sabers!

#### Authorized personnel for dining facility

The following personnel are authorized to use the base dining facility on a daily basis: All enlisted members on BAS or meal cards; all enlisted, officers and DoD civilians on TDY with orders stating "some" or "all meals;" all military retirees and their family members during breakfast and lunch; all E-1 through E-4 dependent family members; 52nd FW unit commanders and deputies to conduct quality checks; official guests of the wing commander; and authorized guests for holiday meals. For details, call Senior Master Sgt. Keith Miltenberger at 452-7851.

#### **EUCOM** quality of life survey

The European Command wants Airmen and their families to participate in a quality of life survey now through Oct. 18. The survey is a tool to highlight Airmen's needs and requirements specific to our theater. Visit the link at <a href="http://www6.eucom.mil/QOL">http://www6.eucom.mil/QOL</a>.

#### **GOV** licensing hours

The vehicle operations records and licensing office has new hours. Government owned vehicle licensing hours are Mondays through Fridays from 7:30-11:30 a.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-2:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m.; and they are closed weekends and holidays. For details, call Staff Sgt. Deizray Olson at 452-6645.

#### **Commissary hours**

The Bitburg Annex commissary is closed Monday for Columbus Day; however, the Spangdahlem AB commissary is open. Call Alfredo Alferez at 452-9135 or Kevin Kegler at 452-6606 for details.

#### Post office hours

The Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex post offices are closed Monday for Columbus Day. Normal business hours resume Tuesday.

#### Off kilter ...

Traditional dress, bagpipes, haggis ...

Read "Enjoy sights, sounds of Scotland" on Page 7.





## **DELTA**

4+ DUIs/ARIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI/ARI: 5

Rank of last DUI/ARI: staff sergeant Squadrons of last DUI/ARI:

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron
260 Airmen's lives were saved by the Airmen
Against Drunk Driving Program since
Jan. 1, 2006. When going out and your plan falls
through call AADD for a ride, at 06565-61-2233.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sawyer

#### **Lest We Forget ...**

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, and Staff Sgt. Hector Quinones-Santiago, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight NCOIC and base honor guard member, lay a wreath at the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action memorial here Sept. 27. Wing members attended the ceremony in memorium of all the POW/MIA warriors. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is normally observed the third Friday of September.

# FY06 end of year close-out garners Sabers \$4.7 million

**By Senior Airman Eydie Sakura** 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Air Base spent more than \$4.7 million to improve the lives of

Airmen at work and in the community.

In September, the wing consolidated the remaining Fiscal Year 2006 funds to fulfill mission-critical, mission-essential and quality of life requirements that benefited Team Eifel.

"We did this close-out differently," said Col. Thomas Feldhausen, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander. "It was a collective effort by wing leadership and all four group commanders to prioritize the wing's requests, and not only fund mission-critical and mission-essential needs, but strike a balance across the board and fund quality of life initiatives as well."

No group was left out as the wing prioritized their spending -- tackling mission needs was important, but quality of life initiatives was also a high priority for the wing.

"We bought new tractors for snow removal to quickly resume flying operations after a snow fall, and we also upgraded computers and networks across the base," Colonel Feldhausen said. "We focused our attention on prioritizing quality of life for Airmen and their families; we upgraded playground equipment at the Spangdahlem (Child Development Center) for safety, and purchased new furniture for the 52nd (Logistics Readiness Squadron), as they had not had upgrades in 15 years."

With the collective efforts of the 52nd Comptroller Squadron, 52nd Contracting Squadron and all the resource advisors, the wing ended up with more than \$3.2 million of internal funds to spend during the end of year close-out, said Capt. John Decker, 52nd CPTS Financial Analysis flight chief.

The wing also received an additional \$1.5 million from USAFE to support alcohol reduction initiatives, youth and school-age programs, and the new visitor's quarters.

Colonel Feldhausen touched on where the mission-essential money for the alcohol related incidents, or ARIs, will be going. He said that much of it will go toward prevention and enforcement of driving under the influence and ARI education.

The significance of the wing spending more than \$4.7 million to improve the lives of Airmen and their families is definitely a beneficial situation for the Saber community. Captain Decker says the Air Force funding system is unlike corporate America, and it allows the wing to allocate remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year.

"Congress provides our annual budget through the Department of Defense Appropriated Acts. The majority of these funds have a one year time period in which they can be used," Captain Decker said. "As a result of these restrictions, we scale back on spending during the early months of the year; allowing us to cover any unforeseen costs that might arise."

Because of efficiencies created through-

out the wing, Spangdahlem AB was able to source some of the items that Sabers "went without" during the year, proving that teamwork can make a difference.

First Lt. Matthew Fahrner said that a successful end of year does not just come together the last few days of September, and said this year's close-out was the smoothest he's ever experienced.

"It is something that all base agencies prepare for many months in advance," said the 52nd CONS Plans and Programs flight chief. "It truly is a team effort and we all rely on every other unit. We're fortunate to have great support from both finance and the resource advisors."

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd FW commander agrees.

"I am very happy we ended up being able to provide so much for our Airmen," he said. The entire team did a great job!"

# The Eifel community will see quality of life improvements in:

- Bitburg Teen Center;
- Fitness center equipment;
- Brick House electronics and supplies;
- Personal protective equipment;
- Life support equipment;
- Heated eye wash stations for base service stations;
- Youth and school age programs;
- Mobile generator and welder; and
- Alcohol reduction initiatives.

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# Air Force leaders send CFC message

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) -- The following is a joint message from Gen. Tom Hobbins, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant.

USAFE personnel have a history of exceeding expectations while participating in the world's largest and most successful model for workplace giving. That makes us part of a rich CFC history dating back to 1961, when President Kennedy sanctioned the program with the signing of an executive order.

Fundraising in the federal workplace existed prior to that time, but the power of an annual combined effort proved a tremendous success with contributions growing from \$12.9 million in 1964 to \$268 million last year, despite the downsizing of federal employees and servicemembers.

Your generous donations were applied to more than 1,700 nonprofit charitable organizations. Those dollar amounts are impressive, but greater still is the knowledge of their huge payback in helping those in need. It's not always a stranger in a distant land who benefits. On average, one of four federal employees or their family members will benefit from the CFC charities this year.

We ask that you please keep this in mind when your local CFC representative provides the opportunity to fill out a pledge card in support of the CFC campaign season Oct. 2 through Dec. 1.

So when the CFC project officer stops by your desk, please take a moment to review the charitable organizations and consider adding CFC to your donation list. This is your chance to make a difference and help those in need.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Raymond Mills

Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, 52nd FW command chief, sign their Combined Federal Campaign forms Monday at the Spangdahlem Air Base B-Xtra.

A not so happy new year ...

# New Year's drug bust: Airmen face court-martial

By Capt. Aaron Maness

52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office

Five Airmen from Spangdahlem Air Base went to Amsterdam this past New Year. Their celebration included illegal drugs. All five were recently convicted and sentenced in a Special Court-Martial for violating Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Staff Sgt. Samuel Hall, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, was convicted of using ecstasy and cocaine, as well as an unrelated charge. He was sentenced to reduction to airman first class, 45 days confinement and a bad conduct discharge May 5.

Airman Basic Elizabeth Molnar, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, was convicted of using cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms and ecstasy. She was sentenced to 75 days confinement and a bad conduct discharge on June 5.

Airman Basic Joseph Honaker, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, was convicted of using cocaine and ecstasy, as well as other unrelated charges. He was sentenced to four months confinement and a bad conduct discharge June 13.

Senior Airman Jared Cripe, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was convicted of using cocaine and ecstasy. He was sentenced to reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$800 per month for three months and 60 days confinement June 26.

Airman 1st Class Sabrina (Gruber) Mullins, 52nd SFS, was convicted of using and distributing cocaine and ecstasy. She was sentenced to reduction to airman basic, six months confinement and a bad conduct discharge Aug. 31.

Under Article 112a of the UCMJ, military members are expressly prohibited from using and distributing cocaine and scheduled controlled substances. Ecstasy and psilocybin mushroom are Schedule I controlled substances. Servicemembers are bound by the UCMJ, even in countries where some drugs may be legal, such as in the Netherlands.

Using and distributing psilocybin mushrooms, ecstasy and cocaine may result in a Special or General Court-Martial. In a Special Court-Martial, the maximum punishment is confine-

ment up to one year, reduction in rank to airman basic, bad conduct discharge, and forfeiture of two-thirds pay per month for one year. In a General Court-Martial, the punishment is five years for use and 15 years for distribution. Enlisted personnel facing a General Court Martial can be dishonorably discharged; officers can be dismissed. Additionally, a court martial is a federal conviction and a required disclosure for most civilian jobs and educational opportunities.

A bad conduct discharge will affect a person's future with regard to receiving legal rights, economic opportunities and social acceptability. A person receiving a bad conduct discharge is not entitled to most Veteran's benefits; it may affect that person's ability to receive federal student loans; and like a federal conviction, the person may have to disclose the bad conduct discharge to potential employers, which may affect the ability to secure a job.

People who receive confinement may be sent to the U.S. Confinement Facility for Europe, Coleman Barracks, Mannheim, Germany.

# Airmen receive Article 15 punishments

Staff reports

Between May 1 and July 31, 17 Spangdahlem Air Base Airmen received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice:

- A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, 30 days correctional custody and a reprimand.
- An airman first class assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic, with reduction below Airman suspended and 30 days extra duty.
- A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Communications Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of Airman first class, forfeiture of \$56 pay and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of senior airman, 21 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron violated Article 90 by failing to obey a lawful order issued by a commissioned officer. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- A senior airman assigned to the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron violated Article 86 by failing to go at the time prescribed to her appointed place of duty. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman, with reduction below airman first class suspended and a reprimand.
- A senior airman assigned to the 52nd CS violated Article 128 by assaulting another service-member. Additionally, he violated Article 134 by being drunk and disorderly. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, forfeiture of \$200 pay and a reprimand
- An airman first class assigned to the 22nd Fighter Squadron violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic.

- An airman assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 134 by being disorderly. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$200 pay and a reprimand.
- An airman assigned to the 52nd EMS violated Article 112a by wrongfully using marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- An airman assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 128 by assaulting a civilian. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic, 60 days restriction, 15 days extra duty and a reprimand
- A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd CMS violated Article 92 by being derelict in his duties. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of senior airman, 15 days extra duty and a repri-
- An airman assigned to the 52nd SFS violated Article 86, on various occasions, by failing to go at the time prescribed to his appointed place of duty. Additionally, he violated Article 92 by failing to obey a lawful general regulation. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand.
- An airman first class assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron violated Article 80 by attempting to communicate certain indecent language toward another member. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to the grade of airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- An airman first class assigned to the 52nd AMXS violated Article 134 by being incapacitated for the proper performance of his duties due to wrongfully overindulging in intoxicating liquor or drugs. The commander imposed a suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd CES violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of senior airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.
- A staff sergeant assigned to the 52nd SFS violated Article 111 by driving while intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to the grade of senior airman, a suspended forfeiture of \$1,009 pay per month for two months, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

(Information courtesy of the 52nd Fighter Wing Judge Advocate Office)



Photo by Tech. Sqt. Pamela Anderson

# Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Christina Williamson Haupt

Unit: 52nd Medical Support Squadron Duty title: Mammography Services **NCOIC** 

Hometown: Asheville, N.C.

Years in Service: Seven

Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Williamson Haupt has been in charge of our mammography program since August 2003. She has flawlessly adhered to the strict guidelines and requirements set forth by the Food and Drug Administration and the American College of Radiology, guiding the facility through a total of five inspections and three physicist surveys. She is the only full-time mammography technologist in the wing, providing care to 891 annual

patient appointments from both the 52nd FW and six geographically separated units. Breast cancer afflicts one in eight women over the course of their lifetime and is the second leading cause of death in women. Early detection is the key to survival, and Sergeant Williamson-Haupt has developed an outstanding patient education and mammography screening program. Her efforts provide the women in the Eifel community with the best opportunity for early detection and curative therapy in our fight against breast cancer.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Radiologic Sciences through Midwestern State

What do you do for fun? I enjoy traveling, reading a good book and shopping. What do you like most about being stationed here? The centralized location offers a multitude of wonderful travel opportunities.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see the Bitburg Annex library re-open.

#### Thank you for your service



Mr. Hans "Dieter" Schumacher, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron construction and service contract inspector, takes a moment to inspect his newly acquired coin he received from Col. Darryl Roberson, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, right, at his retirement ceremony Sept. 29. Mr. Schumacher retires after 46 years of service here. He entered federal service in 1960 as an electrician. Since that time, he worked as an electronics mechanic, material handler and electrical equipment repair technician. He plans to spend his retirement sightseeing and traveling. He was also coined by Lt. Col. Kathryn Kolbe, 52nd CES commander.

Local Information on Your Off-Base Home TV Decoder

### — Eifel Salutes

#### 52nd Medical Group

Go fish! The Spangdahlem Medical Annual Readiness Testing Office "go to" person is Tech. Sgt. Karen Fish. Her fresh outlook and "can do" approach quickly resolves issues and concerns for the 52nd MDOS, 52nd MDG and 52nd FW, and she is the consummate professional and lives and breathes customer service. Sarah Villareal and Shannon Davis are topnotch teachers who helped the Youth Programs staff understand, on an experimental level, the difficulties children with developmental disorders face. Their skills and devotion to children helped make environmental and interaction changes -- improving the quality of life for more than 120 children they care for. Keeping hazardous materials in check is Airman 1st Class Sarah Gaylord who quickly and efficiently put the OB/GYN clinic in compliance with the latest regulations.

#### **52nd Maintenance Group**

And the winners are ... Airman 1st Class Ronald Thomas, a conventional maintenance crew member, who superbly processed 5,750 rounds of 30mm and was selected as the Ammo Airman of the Month for August. A man who can quickly remedy potential explosive compat-

ibility errors is Senior Airman Galen Williams, a conventional maintenance crew member. He identified 17 potential errors and earned the 52nd Munitions Flight Airman of the third quarter honors. Superheroes in the Eifel? The super dynamic duo consisting of 2nd Lt. Justin Hickey and Master Sgt. Juliette Jennings from 52nd MOS, created the first consolidated wing plans and scheduling section in the Combat Air Force. They acquisitioned building and furniture to accommodate the addition of eight aircraft maintenance schedulers from flightline aircraft maintenance units.

# **38th Munitions Maintenance**

Sparks are flying when talking about Staff Sgt. Eric Sparks, a 2W1 loader by trade, but stepped up to the plate and volunteered to serve as the interim full-time unit training monitor. In four months, he organized and directed training for 138 people in his squadron, consisting of 20 AFSCs and their unique training needs. He did this all while staying proficient in his primary job with the German air force.

#### Kudos to you all! Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Office)

#### October is National Disability Employee Month

Last week's trivia question: Where and when was the first International Special Olympics held? Answer: Chicago, III. in 1968

The first person to answer the question correctly was Staff Sgt. Roshawn Burdett, 470th Air Base Station, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium. Sergeant Burdett received a \$20 gift card from AAFES.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Conder

### Top Saber Team

Unit Name: 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron support section

Number of Members: eight

Unit responsibilities: The team maintains and controls more than \$5 million worth of A/OA-10 and F-16CJ aircraft test and related support equipment and tools. They inspect equipment and tools for serviceability and ensure proper identification prior to and after customer use; document and update all changes to composite tool kits on equipment accountability lists; prepare requisitions and employ new aircraft test equipment and tools to meet mission requirements; and identify and properly dispose of all hazardous waste material. They monitor and maintain control on 1,300 line item bench stock accounts valued at \$230,000, and order and account for all required tools and specialized equipment. They also assist in all aspects of cargo deployment preparation to include planning, palletizing, marking and marshalling support equipment pallets for world-wide deployment, and assist the technical order distribution account monitor in the inspection and maintenance of more than 600 different technical orders.

Team's contributions to the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission: As a part of maintenance flight, the support section members provide tool, training orders and equipment for three sections of maintenance flight as well as 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit and numerous supporting shops.

Team's other contributions through the year: Assisted with moving the F-86 from the Bitburg Annex to the Spangdahlem Air Base main gate. They provided maintenance support throughout the year to Texas Air National Guard; units downrange deployed to different air expeditionary force locations; and Cape Verde and Romania temporary duty assignments. Their work aided in the locations having proper tools and equipment to get the mission done.

# Med Flag deployment proves you can go home again for one Saber

**Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Anderson** 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**TAMALE, Ghana** -- Have you ever heard the saying "You can never go home again?"

Some people might believe that, but Col. Victor Folarin, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, is not one of them.

A native of Lagos, Nigeria, Colonel Folarin was tasked as the mission commander for Med Flag 2006 in Tamale, Ghana, and the moment he got here he knew where he was.

"I thought 'I am home," he said, "and it is great to be

The lifelong journey that brought him on this deployment wasn't an easy one for the flight surgeon, but it's one he wouldn't change.

"I was born into a traditional African family," Colonel Folarin said, "but then my parents divorced when I was two and I went to live with my grandfather."

It was with guidance from his grandfather that the colonel found an appreciation for education.

"My grandfather was a strict disciplinarian," he said. "I was not allowed to be out of control; instead he focused me on academics from an early age. By the time I entered elementary school, I could do multiplication tables up to 12 times 12."

When he was 10 years old, Colonel Folarin went to live with his father and continued schooling, though he got a little more than he may have wanted. "We had to pay for high school and at that time my father was paying for my older brother and sister and couldn't afford to send me at the same time," he said. "So, for three years, I had to repeat things I had already learned in elementary school in a different region of the country until I could go to high school."

Finally his time came and by then, Colonel Folarin said he knew he wanted to be in the medical field.

"My mother wanted me to be a pharmacist, so that's what I wanted to do though I didn't know what a pharmacist was," he said.

But in high school he discovered his love for biology and the basic sciences and knew practicing medicine was what he wanted to do. That was also about the time he decided he would continue his education in the United States.

"At that time, university education wasn't available for everyone (in Nigeria)," Colonel Folarin said. "There were five



Col. (Dr.) Victor Folarin, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, does an initial assessment on a Ghanaian woman complaining of chest pains during Med Flag 2006 in Tamale, Ghana, Sept. 15. Colonel Folarin, a native of Lagos, Nigeria, made his first trip back to his homeland since 1992 as the exercise commander.

universities and one was closed because of the war."

With some financial help from his brother, Colonel Folarin set out to make his way to the U.S., but before he could begin the application process, he had to get approval from the Nigerian Federal Government.

"I had to meet a board that decides if you can go overseas," Colonel Folarin said. "I had to prove to them that I could do it."

He also had to give the government \$500 to cover the cost of a plane ticket should he get to the U.S. and had to be repatriated to his home country.

"I have not gotten my \$500 (150 pounds) back and I still have the receipt," he said.

Once he got approval from the federal government, he had to decide on a school. He knew he couldn't afford a four-year college so he decided junior college was his best option.

"I went to the U.S. Embassy and got a book with a listing of American junior colleges," he said. "I took it home and started to go through it."

Deciding on the best school for him was a very tedious process for the colonel, so he got some help from his sister.

"I wrote down a list of about 20 schools from Alabama to Florida, alphabetically, and rolled them on little pieces of paper," he said. "I put them in a hat and had my sister draw six out and those were the ones I applied to. Snead State Junior College in

Boaz, Ala., was the first to reply so that's where I went."

With support from his family, Colonel Folarin made his way to the United States in 1970, though his departure was bittersweet.

"My grandfather was very sick and everyone kept saying he wasn't going to make it much longer, but he said he would not die until his grandson left for the United States," Colonel Folarin said. "I left in July and my grandfather died in August."

Once he got to school, it didn't take long for the young Nigerian to excel in academics. He left Snead as the best chemistry student in his class and transferred to Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., where he majored in chemistry.

In 1980 he began medical school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis, but had to quit and restart a year later at the recommendation of an academic board.

"I had some problems so I had to drop out in December of '80, but went back in the summer of '81," Colonel Folarin said

He faced a major crossroads in his quest for a medical degree in 1984, when his father died.

"I talked about going (to Nigeria) for my father's funeral, and my medical school instructor said I had to do what I had to do, but he couldn't guarantee my spot would be there when I returned," Colonel Folarin said. "I knew I had a tough decision to make and decided to stay at school instead of going to my father's funeral. I have no regrets because I know that's what (my father) would have wanted me to do."

Two years later, Colonel Folarin began his residency in family medicine at the Trover Clinic Foundation in Kentucky where he also made his first step toward the Air Force by joining the Kentucky Army National Guard.

"I thought I would do an initial tour to see if I liked it or not," he said.

The doctor liked it enough to join the active-duty Air Force in 1993. Now 13 years later, that decision is what has enabled him to go home again and make a difference in his region.

"It's a great feeling that Uncle Sam has allowed me to do something for my own kind, no matter how small the gesture," Colonel Folarin said.

Though this is only the second time he's been home since he left for college, Colonel Folarin said his homeland is never far from his thoughts.

"You can take me out of Nigeria, but it is still part of me," he said. "Nigeria is in my heart and that's where it will stay."

# Fire prevention week kicks off Saturday

Staff reports

Fire Prevention Week begins Saturday at 11 a.m. with a firefighter's parade through Bitburg Annex housing and runs through Oct. 13.

The theme for this year's event is "Prevent Cooking Fires, Watch What You Heat," and focuses on educating Air Force communities about safe cooking practices.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of not leaving food cooking unattended on the stove top," said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Ward, Spangdahlem Air Base fire chief. "Too many fires start in this manner; in fact, it's historically the number one cause of housing fires in the Air Force each year."

But safe cooking practices are not the only area the Spangdahlem AB Fire Department plans to focus on to increase public awareness about fire safety.

"The main purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to provide people with fire prevention and life safety education," said Tech. Sgt. Mark

Abrahamson, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention NCOIC. "Throughout the year, people may become complacent with fire prevention methods. Allowing hands-on involvement with the activities we host, or reading articles in the newspaper, provide the community with an idea or practice they can continue to use to significantly reduce the amount of fires that occur each year."

The base fire department sponsors a variety of events throughout Fire Prevention week, including:

\* Following Saturday's parade, there will be a static display of fire trucks in the Bitburg Middle School parking lot. There will also be free hot dogs and sodas, games, prizes and handouts for children. There will be an auto extrication demonstration and a fire muster.

\* A fire department team and Sparky will visit Spangdahlem and Bitburg Elementary Schools, Child Care Centers, and Youth Centers.

\* Poster contest at the Elementary Schools and the Middle Schools.

- \* Fire prevention specialists will give demonstrations and training to base personnel.
- \* Fire prevention displays and signs throughout the base.

Members of the fire department hope that children and adults alike will enjoy the Fire Prevention Week activities, but they also want to ensure they learn something too.

"Fire Prevention Week is so important because it gives fire and

safety professionals, emergency volunteers and other individuals working to reduce the risk of fire an opportunity to actively involve themselves with the community to prevent fires and the loss of life," Sergeant Abrahamson said. "By reaching out to the public during this week we take advantage of the ability to remind people that the prevention of home fires is within their control."

(Information courtesy of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Flight)

# 52nd CONS offers tips for GPC holders in preparation for FY07

**By Staff Sgt. Jason Frazee** 52nd Contracting Squadron

In preparation for the new fiscal year, the 52nd Contracting Squadron reminds all Government Purchase Card holders and billing officials to remember a few pointers that could assist them in the coming year.

One common mistake GPC holders inadvertently make is to split requirements.

This is when the cardholder charges the card two or more times for the same purchase to avoid exceeding the micro-purchase threshold of \$2,500. This is an illegal procedure and can lead to the card being terminated.

If people have a requirement that is more than \$2,500, they should do a Single Purchase Increase Letter, which will raise the GPC's limit if it is approved by 52nd CONS.

Keep in mind, however, that the increase letter cannot exceed

\$25,000. If the requirement is more, a Form 9 must be processed through the resource advisor

Another common oversight is to not reconcile the GPC account. Each cardholder must reconcile their account no later than the third business day after each month's billing cycle. After the cardholders have approved their accounts, the billing official has 15 calendar days to certify the managing accounts.

The last item of importance involves training. AFI 64-117 mandates that cardholders and billing officials complete refresher training every three years.

This can be completed online or at the 52nd CONS office. The training is held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex, building 2007.

To sign up for a refresher class, call the GPC Office at 452-9502 or 452-9503.



# Niempoints & Commentaries

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## **Understanding Arab culture**

# 52nd CES commander shares words of advice to Sabers who deploy to Southwest Asia for OIF

By Lt. Col. Kathryn Kolbe

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron commander

(Editor's note: The author was deployed with the Multi-National Security & Training Command, Iraq, as a senior advisor to the Iraqi Army at two different locations: Nasiryah, Dhi Quar Province and Habbaniyah, Al Anbar Province).

Many Airmen had the opportunity to deploy to Southwest Asia on at least one occasion in their careers, and in today's environment, those who haven't, will probably have an opportunity before they complete their service to the United States Air Force.

While many deployed Airmen will not work outside the wire of a coalition base, thousands of Air Force personnel are being tasked to fill requirements outside the boundaries of coalition bases as advisors to the Iraqi Army, on Provincial Reconstruction Teams, providing base defense and civil affairs assistance at remote locations working side-by-side with Iraqi or Afghani soldiers and civilians. Even if you're not filling one of these roles, there may be opportunities on coalition bases to interact with local officials, military personnel of your host country or area residents.

It's helpful to have a basic understanding of Arab culture before you deploy to the Middle East, no matter where your final destination may be, and to be prepared for whatever situation you may encounter.

Understanding Arab culture is essential to successfully accomplishing the mission. Western and American cultures differ in many ways from Middle Eastern cultures, but probably in no way more than faith. Faith is more than a religion in Iraq; it is a complete way of life and to some people, only faith is necessary to solve many problems.

The phrase, *inshallah* or "God willing," is commonly used to indicate that something will happen only if God wills it to happen. Some take this phrase more literally than others, but it is reflec-

tive of the importance of faith in their day to day work. Some may also tie this religious belief to lack of emphasis on planning for the future.

First impressions are important and are also reflective of their Muslim faith. "Man-kissing" and hugs are a common practice among habibi (or close friends) when greeting one another, but never between a man and a woman. A woman shouldn't auto-

matically extend her hand to shake the hand of an Arab male, but rather wait for the

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male to extend his hand first, so as not to offend a devout Muslim.

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This is not an issue with military males as much as it may be with more elderly males or local officials in the civilian community. Women should also be aware that conservative Muslims feel it's inappropriate for a man and a woman to be in a room alone together and is not considered proper in their culture.

According to *The Arabs* written by David Lamb, the Arab culture puts a lot of emphasis on relationships, which comes from their Bedouin roots; any man, friend or foe, who had the courage and strength to cross the desert and appear at another's tent was embraced as a brother for three days and given water, food and lodging.

The typical Iraqi meeting starts with the ritual of drinking chai (tea with a spoonful of sugar in a small glass), sometimes for a lengthy period of time, before getting to the business at hand. To an American who is accustomed to getting to the point right away, this will seem awkward, but is an important part of the culture that is essential to understanding and building trust with those with whom you are working.

In keeping with their hospitable nature, it is not advisable to

express your admiration for something, or it will likely be given to you by the generous owner. Another part of building relationships is understanding cultural nuances. For example, there is a desire to please and not disappoint, which sometimes means saying, "Yes," when what is really meant is "No," and it is also not uncommon for people working in this culture to go right to the top of an organization with a problem, rather than use the chain of command.

By setting standards too high, we may only set ourselves up for frustration and failure, when their culturally accepted solution may

accomplish the mission just as well.

Lastly, learning some Arabic phrases can go a long way to establishing rapport with your Arab counterparts. For example: *Salamu Alaekum* (God be with you ... used as a greeting), *Shlonak* (How are you?), *Shaku Maku* (What's up?) and *Shukran* (Thank you) are a good start. You don't have to learn to speak full sentences, but rather short phrases, which show your interest in their culture will help you earn their respect.

After the initial culture shock of living and working in such a new environment, people will eventually realize their unique opportunity to become immersed in and learn to appreciate the rich and heritage-filled Arab culture. It is a privilege that should not be taken lightly as each American represents all Americans to the Arabs we work with -- you are an ambassador.

Most look up to Americans and trust deeply in our judgment and experience. Being deployed to the Middle East can be a challenging and sometimes frustrating experience, but with a good dose of patience, cultural sensitivity and an appropriate understanding of what we are trying to accomplish, it can also be the most rewarding.

# AF Ball tickets nearly sold out; Sabers gear up for festivities

By Capt Diane Weed

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

When I think of "sold out events," rock concerts and Broadway shows come to mind...but I can't say I would normally think of a military function. Yet, this year, our Air Force Ball nearly sold out the very first day tickets were available.

As co-chair of the AF Ball committee, I'd like to say that it was due to the hard work and great ideas of all those who are putting the event together, but, realistically, I think it has more to do with the event itself, than the people behind it.

Only once a year do our Airmen get the chance to celebrate the AF's heritage and tradition 'in style' during the annual AF Ball. Though it's even more rare to be able to spend a Saturday night listening to the stories of a Medal of Honor winner and former prisoner of war. Yet, that's

exactly what everyone who attends this year's ball will get to do.

The theme for this year's ball is "Honoring Service and Sacrifice" and we are fortunate to have a guest speaker who completely embodies that concept. Col. (ret.) Leo Thorsness, who was awarded a Medal of Honor for his heroism as an Air Force F-105 pilot in Vietnam, agreed to come and share his story as our honored guest speaker this year. He is a former Wild Weasel and is one of only 17 Air Force personnel who have ever been awarded the Medal of Honor.

According to his citation, Major (at the time) Thorsness "was on a surface-to-air missile suppression mission over North Vietnam," when his wingman was shot down by intensive anti-air-craft fire. Major Thorsness circled the descending parachutes of his two crewmembers to help protect them and get them rescued. In the meantime,

despite being low on fuel, he shot down one MiG-17, damaged another and ran off even more. His "extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice, and personal bravery involving conspicuous risk of life were in the highest traditions of the military service."

Later in his career, Colonel Thorsness spent six years as a POW at the Hanoi Hilton. Mr. Thorsness retired as a colonel from the Air Force in 1979, having earned the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with five oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart with one oak leaf cluster.

He was once stationed here at Spangdahlem AB and is truly a shining example of service and sacrifice and will be the highlight of this annual military function.

Opportunities to get dressed up in our Air Force's formal uniform, to participate in an

annual AF tradition and to hear from people like Colonel Thorsness should never be passed up...and, apparently, a whole lot of people here at Spangdahlem AB agree with me.

This year's Air Force Ball theme is "Honoring Service and Sacrifice," and takes place at Club Eifel Oct. 28 with a social hour beginning at 6 p.m.; formal ceremony runs 7-9 p.m.; and music continues until midnight.

Tickets are on sale now through group/unit POCs: 52nd MSG, Lt. Wong-Tworek; 52nd OG, Lt. Bailey; 52nd MDG/Spang, Capt. Hergan; 52nd MDG/Bitburg, Capt. Miker; 52nd CPTS, Senior Airman Bittner; Wing Staff, Senior Master Sgt. Hixon, Capt. Little and Staff Sgt. Meeker; and GSU/Tenant, Capt. McElhaney.



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Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

### Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta	
22FS	305	300	-4	
23FS	87	53	-94	
81FS	229	264	+41	
*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.				

Through Sept. 27

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# Community

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#### **Fall Bazaar**

The Fall Bazaar takes place in Hangars 1 and 2 Oct. 13 from noon to 7 p.m.; Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stroller day is Oct. 13 only.

#### AFSA meeting

The next Air Force Sergeants Association meeting is Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Brick House. Lunch is provided, however, people must RSVP to Staff Sgt. Aaron Dean at 452-6764 or Senior Airman Eydie Sakura at 452-5244 for a head count. To learn more about decisions Congress is making that directly affect the lives of enlisted people and their families, visit the Intranet under WingSites/ProfOrgs/afsa/, or attend the next meeting.

#### Stamp collecting in the Eifel

October is National Stamp Collecting Month and USAFE post offices are giving away free commemorative stamp products. To view the stamps in the 2006 U.S. commemorative stamp program, visit <a href="https://www.usps.com/shop">www.usps.com/shop</a> and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner. Stop by the post office for more details.

#### Library news

For more information, call Raquel Santos at 452-6203 or 452-9055.

- Children's story hour takes place at the Spangdahlem AB library Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Take part in the Third Annual Information Quest contest Oct. 15-31. The contest is open to people age 10 and older. Step over the crime scene tape and into USAFE's 24/7 virtual library. Interpret the clues and find the answers to the questions posted. Sign up and get a prize.

#### BHS news

For more information, call Bitburg High School at 452-9202 or 452-9337.

- Due to increased security, parking at BHS is now limited. Community members are asked not to park in front of the barriers near the football field, as that area is reserved for handicap parking and for allowing drop-offs and pick-ups.
  - Homecoming activities: burger

burn/powder puff game/pep rally, today at 5 p.m. at the football field; community-wide pancake breakfast, Saturday at 8-11 a.m. at the BHS cafeteria; community flea market, Saturday at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the grassy knoll between the high school and the tennis courts; home games including football, volleyball, and tennis matches and cross country races, starting Saturday at 10 a.m.; and homecoming dance Saturday from 8-11:30 p.m.

#### **Haunted House**

The 52nd CES, 52nd CS and 52nd MDG host their annual Haunted House Oct. 27-31 from 6 p.m. to midnight in the Bitburg Annex, building 2033 and 2032. A tour for children ages 10 and under takes place Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. where children can walk through the house with the lights on. The cost is \$5 per person and children 10 and under pay \$2.50. For details, call Master Sgt. Roy Stevens at 452-9433.

#### **SMS Halloween dance**

The Spangdahlem Middle School Parent Teacher Student Association is planning a Halloween dance Oct. 27. People who are able to donate Halloween decorations can drop them off to Becky Moore at Spangdahlem AB building 401, apt. C2. For details, call Ms. Moore at 06565-955853.

#### Small dog play group

People interested in starting a small-dog play group should call Simone at 06574-900108. The yard is fenced and a field and wooded area is close by for off-leash time.

#### **CSI** workshop

The Bitburg Girl Scouts hosts a CSI workshop Oct. 14 from 1-4 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex building 2007. The workshop is free and open to sixth through 12th grade girls who are interested in solving crimes and learning new skills. For details, call USA Girl Scouts Overseas at 452-9190 or e-mail spangdahlemgirlscouts@hotmail.com.

#### College night

Bitburg High School students, grades 9-12, can attend College Night Oct. 19 at Ramstein AB High School. College representatives and admission officers from dozens of public and private colleges and universities will be available for questions and answers. A bus departs BHS at 4 p.m. and returns around 10:30 p.m. There is room for 50 students and on a first come, first serve basis. For

burn/powder puff game/pep rally, today at details, call Jennifer Heinen at 452-5 p.m. at the football field; community-9337.

#### **Clothing drive**

Combat comfort group is sponsoring a clothing drive for Iraqi people near Kirkuk Air Base. They are requesting adult and children plain undershirts (any color, just plain); small hand towels; hygiene items for men, women and children (travel sizes work best); plain socks for children and adults; underwear for children (any age); and travel first-aid kits. For safety purposes, all donated items must have no logos. All clothing items (except the underwear) can be new or used, and drop boxes are available at the Spangdahlem AB B-Xtra. For details, call Airman 1st Class Stephen Perakes at 452-6805.

#### **Mothers of Preschoolers**

The MOPS group seeks mothers of children ages 5 and under to join them. The group, which meets twice a month, offers the opportunity to connect with other mothers. The next meeting takes place Monday from 9-11:30 a.m. in building 139. In addition, MOPS needs volunteers to run children's art projects, conduct library visits and teach mini bible lessons during meetings from 8:45-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 452-6711.

#### Virtual training for spouses

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers MSVA training for spouses interested in a portable career Oct. 10-12. Training focuses on the realities of entrepreneurship as well as launching and marketing a business. Participants must apply and be accepted into the program. For more information, call 452-6422.

#### Scrapbook, stamping party

A scrapbook and stamping get together takes place Saturday from 5-9 p.m. in building 49 in the welcome room on Spangdahlem AB. RSVP to Amanda Wayer at 06565-933087 or e-mail her at kawadw@yahoo.com.

#### SMS news

Attend Spangdahlem Middle School's Principal's Chat Oct. 13 at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course from 9-10 a.m. For details, call Nicole Stubbs at 452-7205 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:nicole.stubbs@eu.dodea.edu">nicole.stubbs@eu.dodea.edu</a>.

# Chapel Services

#### Discover interfaith

"Discover" is an interfaith dialogue group aimed at providing an environment for people to discuss their thoughts and feelings on faith, philosophy and more. "Discover" is not partial to any one faith group or belief. It takes place Oct. 19 and Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. in the base education center testing room. For details, call Senior Airman Matthew Hentrich at 452-6666 or 01601-000875.





# **Der Markt**

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least 10 days before the desired date of publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to \$25-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

### Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 12. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

#### Spangdahlem Skyline

◆ The Ant Bully (PG, 7 p.m.)

After Lucas Nickle floods an ant colony with his watergun, he's magically shrunken down to insect size and sentenced to hard labor in the ruins.

◆ Idiocracy (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Private Joe Bowers, the definition of "average American," is selected by the Pentagon to be the guinea pig for a top-secret hibernation program. Forgotten, he awakes 500 years in the future. He discovers a society so incredibly dumbed-down that he's easily the most intelligent person alive.

#### Saturday

- ◆ Idiocracy (7 p.m.)
- ◆ Miami Vice (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Based on the 1980's TV action/drama, this update focuses on vice detectives Crockett and Tubbs as their respective personal and professional lives become dangerously intertwined.

◆ The Last Kiss (R, midnight)

A contemporary comedy-drama about life, love, forgiveness, marriage, friendship...and coming to grips with turning 30.

#### Sunday

- ◆ The Ant Bully (4 p.m.)
- ◆ Miami Vice (7 p.m.)

#### Monday

- ◆ Miami Vice (7 p.m.)
- ◆ The Ant Bully (7 p.m.)

Wednesday and Thursday closed

#### **Bitburg Castle**

Today

◆ Lady in the Water (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Apartment building superintendent Cleveland Heep rescues what he thinks is a young woman from the pool he maintains. Then he discovers that she is actually a character from a bedtime story who is trying to make the journey back to her home.

◆ John Tucker Must Die (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

Three ex-girlfriends of a serial cheater set up their former lover to fall for the new girl in town so they can watch him get his heart broken.

#### Saturday

◆ Lilo and Stitch (PG, 4 p.m.)

A Hawaiian girl adopts an unusual pet who is actually an notorious extra-terrestrial fugitive from the law.

◆ Invincible (PG, 7 p.m.)

An inspiring sports movie stars Mark Wahlberg as a Philadelphia Eagles fan who has just lost his wife and his teaching job. He decides one day to show up for an open tryout for his favorite NFL team, only to see his wildest dreams come true.

◆ Lady in the Water (9:30 p.m.)

#### Sunday

- ◆ Invincible (4 p.m.)
- ◆ John Tucker Must Die (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

◆ Lady in the Water (7 p.m.)

#### Thursday

◆ Invincible (7 p.m.)

Kilts, bagpipes, haggis ...

# Enjoy sights, sounds of Scotland

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Shannon Collins 52nd Fighter Wing

Public Affairs Office

Enjoy the unique sounds of bagpipes while looking for the monument of William Wallace. Fearlessly try the haggis. Diligently visit the lochs, hoping to catch a glance of the wee beastie affectionately known as "Nessie."

With just a plane and train ride away, Team Eifel members can enjoy the sights and sounds of Scotland.

#### Glasgow

Upon landing at the Glasgow-Prestwick airport, grab a train into the center of Glasgow, stepping off the train at Central Station. Drop off the luggage at one of the many hotels and jump on a sightseeing tour of Scotland's largest city. Stop off at George Square to see the Gallery of Modern Art or City Chambers or take a stroll on the Glasgow Green stop and see the People's Palace.

Enjoy one of the many theatres or the royal concert hall or see the tall ship at Glasgow Harbour. The highlight of any trip to Glasgow is the Glasgow Cathedral, located in the heart of the city.

The cathedral is the only medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland to have survived the Reformation of 1560 virtually complete. The present cathedral was built during the course of the 13th century, although recent excavations have found traces of a 12th century church.



A bagpiper plays for locals and tourists as they pass by him on the street in Edinburgh.

Located next to the Glasgow Cathedral is the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art. Within its doors, people can view Salvador Dali's "Christ of St. John of the Cross," known to be the only painting of Christ being crucified without the crown of thorns, whip marks or blood.

After enjoying the breathtaking cathedral and solemn St. Mungo Museum, jump on a train at Queen Street Station to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

#### Edinburgh

Unlike the busy bustle of Glasgow, Edinburgh offers a quaint, picturesque scene, with the Edinburgh Castle dominating the skyline.

The highlight of Edinburgh is Edinburgh Castle. For 3,000 years, people have sought shelter on the castle rock.



The Glasgow Cathedral, an awe-inspiring structure, is dedicated to St. Kentigern, affectionately known as St. Mungo, who was the first bishop within the ancient British kingdom. He was thought to have been buried on the site in AD 612.

a giant medieval siege gun known as Mons Meg; the Honours of Scotland, the oldest Crown Jewels in the British Isles; the Stone of Destiny, Scotland's ancient Coronation Stone; and at 1 p.m., see and hear the castle's famous One O'Clock Gun.

After stopping by the castle, visit Edinburgh Dungeon for a theatrical telling of Scotland's darker history or take a Tour of the Dead to visit some of Scotland's most haunted closes, or alleys.

Another popular stop is the Scottish Heritage Whiskey Museum. Stop in for a dram and then visit the Robert Burns When visiting the castle, see Monument or the tavern cele-

brating the infamous Deacon William Brodie. Brodie inspired the character of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Before leaving Scotland, try a bit of haggis, sausage made of minced sheep organs, or look through the tartans, a plaid textile design with the family colors, and souvenirs in the many shops for the clan of a long-lost ancestor.

Whether visiting the highlands or the lowlands, the busy bustle of Glasgow or the picturesque, quaint Edinburgh. Scotland offers a variety of sights and sounds that would make any American with a dram of Scottish ancestory

## **Out and About**

the below events or concerts, call 0651-7199996.

- Enjoy Hip-Hop-Jam tonight at the House. Doors open at 8 p.m. Entry is 4 euro.
- · Bitburg hosts its 16th farmer's market Sunday. More than 40 vendors sell local products throughout the town. Food and entertainment is also scheduled. Many stores throughout the center will be open 1-6 p.m.
- An October festival takes place now through Oct. 21 at the Cloister Machern, located near the Mosel town of Zeltingen-Rachtig. On schedule are musical highlights and other entertainment. For details or to reserve a party group table, call 06532-951640.
- Stores will be open between 1-6 p.m. Sunday in the towns of Kinderbeuern, Bausendorf and Bengel.

- For details about or tickets to any of Eddie Palmieri Aro Carribean Jazz All Stars will perform a jazz concert Wednesday at the Luxembourg
  - will play blues tunes Oct. 13 at the Freudenburg Ducsaal hall.
  - Reserve your tickets now to a concert by George Michael Oct. 13 at the French Amneville Galaxie Mega Hall.
  - Enjoy listening to classical compositions by Bach Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Daun Forum. Entry is 13 euro. Children and students receive a reduction. The concert will be performed by Christian Rieger and his string ensemble. This is a highlight
  - · Reserve tickets now to Musical Magics Oct. 14 at the Bitburg sports hall of the Edith Stein school. Famous musicals will be performed by local, professional musicians and actors in the German language.



A grape harvester demonstrates the technique for cutting grapes off the vine. The harvesting practices for the grapes, depending on the various degrees or ripeness, will determine the character of the wine. Read more about Mosel River valley grape harvesting in the Oct. 13 Eifel Times.

## Sports Briefs

#### Cheer squad try outs

Sabers interested in trying out for the first-ever Spangdahlem AB cheer squad can try out Oct. 17 and 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center aerobics room. The squad is looking for highly motivated, spirited people who wish to support Spang's team sports. For details, call Senior Airman Krystle Archer at 452-3310 or Shevon Sledge at 01515-736-494. Limited experience is necessary.

#### **Upcoming basketball events**

For details on upcoming events, call Ed Marshall at 452-6634 or Sidney Mitchell at 452-3320.

- Intramural basketball tournament, Oct. 13-15, \$50 per team with double-elimination;
- Intramural basketball and over 30 basketball letters of intent are due are Oct. 25. The season starts in November. For more information, call 452-3365.
- Fall classic, Oct. 21-22, \$250 per team with double-elimination, team awards: and
- Spangdahlem-Bitburg Midnight Madness, Nov. 25-26, events include slam dunk contest, 3-point shootout and games.

#### Fitness center hours change

The Skelton Memorial Fitness Center changes their hours of operation beginning Oct. 23. The fitness center will be open Mondays through Fridays from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m., and weekends, holidays and down days from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

#### Halloween fun run

Join the fitness center for a scary 5K fun run Oct. 31 at 6 a.m., noon and 4 p.m. Runners can sign up at the time of the event and participants can walk or run. People are encouraged to bring the whole family and dress up in Halloween costumes. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634.

# BHS girls' cross country team celebrate three straight wins

By David Turner Bitburg High School

The Bitburg High School girls' cross country team made it three in a row this Sept. 30 after totaling enough points to win the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Belgium, cross country meet Sept. 30.

The rest of the field consisted of Baumholder, Gemany, in third, Allied Air Forces North (AFNORTH), Netherlands, fourth, SHAPE fifth, International School of Brussels (ISB), Belgium, sixth, while British School of Brussels (BSB), Belgium, and Mannheim.

Leading the charge for the third straight week was **Sandra Davidson**, who turned in a personal best time of 20 minutes, 39 seconds on the 5K course. This was only one minute, five seconds off the course record.

The remainder of the field were **Rachel Poock**, fifth, 21:51; **Ericha Griep**, eigth, 22:45; **Brianna Checkley**, ninth, 22:46; **Erica Feldhausen**, 12th, 22:55; **Erica Green**, 14th, 23:01; **Rebekah Bartlett**, 49th, 28:06; **Erin Elbel**, 50th, 28:09; and **Kamaile Snyder**, 62nd, 34:04.

On the boys' side, many of the Barons came in with personal best times, but they were not enough to pull themselves out of last place as a team. BHS came in seventh place with a total of 142 points, just three points behind Baumholder. Rounding out the boys were Mannheim in first, BAS second, SHAPE third, ISB fourth, and St. Johns fifth.

BHS boys' times and places were as follows: **Ryan Poock**, fourth, 16:52. This is the first time in at least three years that a runner has broken the 17-minute mark. **Zeth McNeal**, 26th, 19:32; **Jonathan Barber**, 28th, 19:44; **Christopher King**, 51st, 21:39; **Chad Denton**, 65th, 22:47; **Jacob Luning**, 71st, 24:46; and **Zekariah McNeal**, 73rd, 26:05.

The next meet is Saturday during the homecoming festivities. The course is located at the Motsch Park and the first race (girls') gets underway at 12:30 p.m. The boys' race will start approximately 45 minutes after the girls.



Photo by Ed Marshall

Fore

Randy Smith, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, tees off on the first hole of the Intramural Championship against the team from 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron. 52nd CES defeated the defending champs, 52nd MOS during the Sept. 26 match.

# 702nd SVS from Buechel AB earn play-off slot after Tuesday's nail-bitter flag football game against 52nd CES

Staff reports

he 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron intramural champs in golf, basketball, over 30 basketball and softball, had their hands full Tuesday night when they faced West Champion 702nd Services Squadron, during a flag football game

CES struck first with a 6-0 lead and 702-SVS answered back with Albin Lutes' quarterback sneak to tie the score at 6-6.

As 702-SVS took back the lead 12-6 with nine minutes remaining, it seemed that 702-SVS would put the game away. As 702-SVS drove deep into CES territory, a tipped pass found its way into a CES defender. He then took the interception all the way down inside the five yard line.

CES quickly scored on a D.J. Coburn reception. 702-SVS had two minutes to score with the game tied. Another inter-

ception gave CES possession and great field position.

Another quick touchdown put CES up 18-12 with only 31 seconds to go in the game. With the ball placed on their own 15 yard line, 702-SVS needed a miracle and 65 yards.

Lutes decided to take a gamble and throw it deep. With only a prayer left, Marcus Walker was able to reach up over two defenders to make the reception at the five yard line.

Walker eluded the defenders and ran in for a touchdown to tie up the game with 14 seconds left in the game. The game went to overtime.

With the overtime rules reflecting NCAA, both teams would have the opportunity to cash in. CES would get the first shot at getting into the end zone. Both teams battled back and forth send-

ing the game into a third overtime with still no score. CES got the first chance again in the third overtime to finish the game off.

With a solid defense stand and several key penalties, 702-SVS got the ball back. On third down, Lutes tried to find Ed Marshall in the back of the zone.

A CES defender was able to get a hand on it and tip the ball down. However, he tipped right to a 702-SVS receiver for the game winning touchdown. 702-SVS meets 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron in the championship game Wednesday night. AMXS is the only team in the league to defeat 702-SVS.

702-SVS will need to bring their game as they must defeat AMXS two games back to back.

(Information courtesy of the 52nd Services Squadron)

Bump, set, spike ...

# Lady Barons varsity volleyball team defeat Hanau, Mannheim

By Stacey Schill Bitburg High School

The Bitburg Baron High School volleyball team traveled to Mannheim, Germany, Sept. 23 for their district opener. The Lady Barons played against Hanau and Mannheim.

Varsity had a strong district opening showing. They fought a battle against Hanau and won in four games 25-12, 24-26, 25-12 and 25-19.

Hitting was led by juniors **Ana Gutierrez** who had a .333 hitting percentage and **Courtney Roberson** who racked up six kills.

The varsity squad went on to defeat Mannheim in three games 25-5, 25-18 and 25-14. Senior captain **Nichole Griep** registered

four total blocks during both matches. It was a promising start to the 2006 season.

On the JV side, sophomore team captains **Loren Jobe** and **Shannon Joyner** led the JV team to a 1-1 record following their first showing. The team lost a close match to Hanau in three games 29-27, 13-25, 14-16.

They then rallied together to win over Mannheim 25-20 and 25-14. JV serving was led by the outstanding performance of freshman **Jessica Halter** and senior **Rachel Russom**.

The Lady Barons homecoming game takes place Saturday at 10 a.m. The varsity team plays at the BHS gymnasium and the JV team plays in the French Kasern.

#### **Barons celebrate Homecoming Saturday**

Check out the Oct. 13 *Eifel Times* for coverage of the Bitburg High School homecoming games/matches taking place Saturday (football, volleyball, cross country running and tennis).